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1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR TREATMENT OF GRAINS ISSUES  
IN AGRICULTURE GROUP MEETING MARCH 24. OUR CONCERN IS  
THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF GRAINS GROUP UNDER MTN AT THIS TIME  
WOULD INTERFERE WITH OUR EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT DISCUSSIONS  
ON GRAINS RESERVES IN IWC FRAMEWORK IN LONDON.

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2. FOR THIS REASON WE WILL CONTINUE TO OBJECT TO ESTABLISH-

MENT GRAINS GROUP GENEVA AT THIS TIME AND WILL SEEK  
PERSUADE EC ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

--A. WE RECOGNIZE THAT GRAINS ISSUE                MUST  
BE DEALT WITH BY MTN.

--B. WE REGARD FOOD SECURITY, HOWEVER, AS NOT URGENT  
ISSUE CONNECTED WITH GRATIS BECAUSE OF ITS  
POLITICAL IMPORTANCE, BECAUSE OF LIKELIHOOD THAT CROP  
SITUATION NEXT SUMMER WILL PRESENT OPPORTUNITY TO START  
BUILDING RESERVES AND NEED TO BUILD RESERVES ON AN  
ORDERLY BASIS PURSUANT TO AN INTERNATIONALLY AGREED SYSTEM.

--C. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER BEST PLACE TO NEGOTIATE ON  
RESERVES ISSUE IS IN LONDON UNDER IWC AUSPICES SINCE THIS  
ONLY FEASIBLE WAY AT THIS TIME OF BRINGING SOVIETS INTO  
DELIBERATIONS AND BECAUSE IT MEETS TEST OF URGENT ATTEN-  
TION WHICH WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE IN MTN CONTEXT.

--D. SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL GRAIN  
RESERVES SYSTEM SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE NEGOTIATION OF LARGER  
GRAINS ISSUE IN MTN; ON THE CONTRARY WE BELIEVE IT WOULD  
FACILITATE SUCH A LARGER NEGOTIATION.

--E. WE DO NOT ASK EC TO FOREGO ITS POSITION THAT GRAIN  
RESERVE ISSUE MUST BE DEALT WITH AS A PART OF MTN, A POINT  
WE EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZE.

--F. WE PROPOSE THAT AGRICULTURE GROUP AT ITS MEETING ON  
MARCH 24 TAKE NOTE OF PROSPECT OF NEGOTIATION ON GRAINS  
AT LONDON UNDER AUSPICES IWC WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO  
QUESTIONS OF RESERVES. IN CONSIDERATION OF THESE PROSPEC-  
TIVE NEGOTIATIONS AND PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, THE  
AGRICULTURE GROUP SHOULD DEFER ESTABLISHMENT OF GRAINS  
GROUP, RESERVING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING SUCH A  
GROUP AT A LATER TIME.

--G. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE COMMUNITY RESTATING  
AND RESERVING ITS POSITION REGARDING GRAINS IN THE MTN.  
ALL WE ASK IS TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR IWC TO PRO-  
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GRESS AS FAR AND AS RAPIDLY AS IT CAN ON THE RESERVES  
QUESTION AT THIS TIME.

3. WE INTEND TO DISCUSS THIS POSITION WITH THE COMMUNITY  
IN BRUSSELS ON MARCH 18 IN ADVANCE IWC PREP GROUP MEETING  
LONDON MARCH 19. WILL ADVISE EC BRUSSELS SEPARATELY OF  
US PARTICIPANTS THESE TALKS. INGERSOLL

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